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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1-25-06

SPONSOR Altamirano LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Emergency Medical Service Personnel Training SB 170

ANALYST McOlash

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$540.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to: SB 12

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Municipal League (NMML)
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate bill 170 appropriates \$540,000 from the General fund to the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fund for “expenditure in fiscal year 2007 and subsequent fiscal years: for the following:

1. Volunteer departments for education, training, certification, and licensing of volunteers (\$160,000)
2. Education, training, certification, and licensing of EMT personnel

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$540,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DOH Analysis

DOH reports that there are approximately 450 EMS personnel in New Mexico, half volunteers. Many EMS personnel pay for their own education and training that is often not available locally. Lack of easy access to opportunities for education and training contributes to the ongoing EME personnel shortage throughout the state.

NMML includes EMS training as a priority.

RELATIONSHIP

Senate Bill 12 requests an appropriation for an EMS educational program at Eastern New Mexico University – Roswell (ENMU-R) leading to a Bachelor of Science Degree in EMS Management.

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